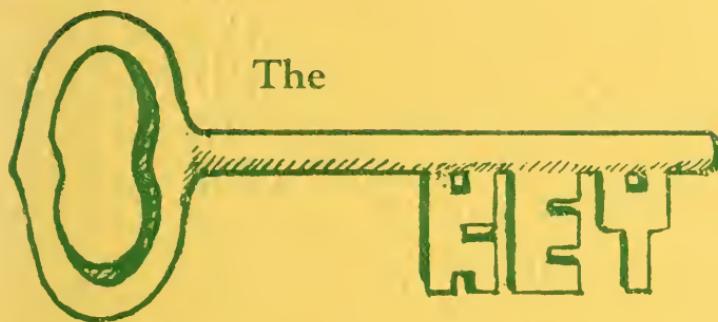


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*Thinking of entering our gates?  
May we then present you with*

**The Key to Sweet Briar College**



**Spring 1966**

## Preface

*The Key* is published by the students for future members of the Sweet Briar community. It is intended as a necessarily brief and informal introduction to campus life by discussing some of the college customs and traditions as well as by offering practical advice to incoming students. Although it is impossible to forecast all that you will encounter at Sweet Briar, *The Key* may enable you to visualize in part what this phase of student life is like.

We have not attempted to describe the organization of the college. Its faculty, administration and Student Government are explained in the *Sweet Briar College Catalog* and in the *Students' Handbook*. These unique features, and its beautiful surroundings, you can only appreciate by coming here to live. More than just showing you the various informal facets of Sweet Briar's student life, we aim at presenting the key to its spirit, or at least, putting it within your reach. When you come, be sure that a warm welcome will await you.

THE EDITOR

# The Summer Before . . .

## . . . YOUR CLOTHES

In planning your clothes for your first year at Sweet Briar, it is important to remember to organize a useful and flexible wardrobe, rather than to bring everything you own.

Virginia's climate varies from freezing temperatures to the nineties. The weather may call for cottons as late as the first of November and again as early as April or May, and cold, snowy winters demand heavy woolens.



For classes you will need skirts, blouses, simple cotton dresses, loafers and tennis shoes. During cold weather, add wool skirts, sweaters, knee socks, warm boots, gloves, long scarves and a heavy winter coat. A rain coat and umbrella are usually sufficient for rainy days.

This same casual dress, with flats or low heels, is good for dates. Include suits for football games, dressy wools for weekends, simple cocktail dresses for dances and kilts for combo parties. If you like, bring a long formal for May Day or for Fancy Dress at Washington and Lee, but it is by no means a necessity.

For Sunday dinner, concerts, lectures and plays, you will need basic wool or silk dresses to wear with heels and stockings. We also wear heels (low ones) and stockings for shopping in Lynchburg.

Studying and recreation call for slacks and Bermudas. Bring a bathing suit for sunning on the sun decks and for swimming at the lake. If you are planning to ride, bring boots, breeches and a riding coat, and a hard hat. You will need a kilt uniform for

phys ed (an order blank will be sent to you) and a tennis dress or white shorts if you intend to go out for tennis. With all of these suggestions plus bathrobe and slippers, your closet will be well-supplied for any occasion.

We have a college laundry, but you must sew nametapes on everything you plan to send to it. It is advisable to have nametapes on other things. For articles of clothing that require special care, the dormitory maid will do them for a small price, or you may prefer to do them yourself in the dormitory laundry room. Dry cleaning is handled by student representatives who collect several times a week at special locations on campus. For other attentions to your wardrobe, there are seamstresses on campus who do hemming and alterations.

Since there are many other trunks that will arrive in the fall with yours, it is suggested that you send yours at least two to three weeks before your arrival date. Remember also to bring several medium-sized suitcases for vacations and a smaller one for weekends.

### ... YOUR BUDGET

The number and variety of minor items that drain your college allowance will probably come as something of a shock. Acquaintance with a few of the directions in which your funds will rapidly disappear will help you plan your budget in advance.

The Student Activities Fee of \$40 is due at the beginning of the academic year. This includes among other items, membership in the Student Government and Athletic associations, tickets for Paint and Patches plays, subscriptions to all student publications and tickets for the two social weekends.

The interesting supply of books, supplies and gifts makes the Book Shop a financial Waterloo for almost everyone. Textbooks

may never be charged and other purchases there must also be paid for by cash or check until the first of October. After that you may charge anything over a dollar and you will be billed bimonthly.

Contributions to the Campus Chest, the Student Development Fund and the Community Christmas Party in addition to dormitory and club dues, will also figure in your budgeting.

As for incidental spending, coffee and doughnuts at Boxwood or the Date House, hamburgers at the Briar Patch Inn ("Tommy's") and bus trips into Lynchburg (90¢ there and back) are all optional but inevitable. Soap, shampoo and toothpaste are indispensables; and don't overlook cash for dry cleaning, shoe repair and taxis. A weekly allowance of \$1.15 for washing done by the college laundry is included in your fee to the college. Hostess fees, taxi fares and transportation on weekends are other expenses. If you are a member of the riding set, you will spend \$80 a season for 20 rides; \$120 for 30 rides; and \$150 for daily rides in each season — fall, winter and spring. If you are an occasional rider, the rate is \$5 per ride.

The Student Bank at the Treasurer's Office will open a drawing account for you at any time. Withdrawals may be made in cash *only* by you from your funds deposited at the Bank. The Bank will also honor checks drawn against an account in your bank at home.



# Orientation . . .

## . . . ORIENTATION WEEK

From the moment that you arrive on Sweet Briar's campus, your "Big Sister" will be there to meet you in front of the Information Center. Dressed in white, your "Big Sister" is a member of the Orientation Committee composed of sophomores and juniors.

She has exclusive care of three or four new students to whom she has written during the summer in order to introduce herself and to welcome them to Sweet Briar. After taking you to your room and answering any questions you may have, she and the Orientation Committee members will introduce you to people and help you find your way around the campus.

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During this first week which precedes the opening of the academic year, a varied program is planned to acquaint you with Sweet Briar. A schedule for the events of the week is given to you when you arrive.

Administrative officers of the college and heads of student organizations will explain the academic program, the Honor System, the Student Government Association, and various club presidents will tell you about their respective activities.

The Associate Dean will serve as counselor for your class during its first year. She will advise you on any problems or questions you may have concerning the academic aspects of college life. Tours of the campus, instruction in the use of the library, and physical examinations are also given during this week. Many informal events are planned such as meeting the faculty in small groups at their homes; and a reception is given at Sweet Briar House by the President.



On the social side, a freshman mixer is arranged for your first weekend at Sweet Briar and at several times early in the fall, which everyone attends *en masse*. It is planned to help you meet men from the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Virginia Military Institute, Hampden-Sydney and other nearby men's colleges. If you already know someone at one of these places you may wish to ask him over for the dance here; but a date is by no means a necessity, however, as there are always lots of boys anxious to meet the new freshman class.

Further orientation is carried on during the year. Your "Big Sister" will be available to you to advise you on personal matters or in your academic concerns and responsibilities. Picnics and other informal gatherings like hayrides up Monument Hill are held at various times to give you chances to meet your sister class, the juniors, as well as other upperclassmen and faculty. Before you know it, you will be a full-fledged member of the Sweet Briar community.

### ... YOUR ROOMMATE

Whether she will be vivacious or quiet, funny or serious, remains to be seen; however, you will both be settling into the the same new and different surroundings, and your many activities during the first week of college will provide you with much in common. Sweet Briar is particularly interested in finding a compatible roommate for you. With students from almost every state and from several foreign countries, you may reasonably expect to find that you and your roommate represent a meeting of the interests of two very different areas.



## ... YOUR ROOM

You and your roommate will probably want to collaborate in choosing the rugs, bedspreads and curtains according to your own tastes and individualities. No matter what decorations you select, you will want to bring or to buy some of the items listed below.

*These supplies are really essential*

- Sheets (4 to 6 single; contour sheets are most convenient)
- Pillowcases (3 or 4)
- Mattress pad (required)
- Blankets (2 or 3 non-electric)
- Pillows (1 or 2)
- Wash cloths and towels
- Laundry bag

*You might bring these items from home*

- Alarm clock
- Typewriter
- Radio or record player
- Extra pillows
- Skirt hangers
- Soap dish
- Favorite books or doodads
- Shower cap
- Sewing supplies and scissors
- Hairdryer

*You can buy various other things you may need in Lynchburg*

- Study lamp
- Curtains
- Bedspreads
- Trash basket
- Rug, (scatter or large)
- Bulletin board
- Back rest
- Small bookcases, racks, cabinets or tables

You may choose rental pictures which are already framed for \$2 a year from the college's Rental Picture Collection. These and other wall decorations and curtains are put up by the college carpenters.



### ... YOUR DORMITORY

For those who like to prepare an occasional cup of coffee, bowl of soup or popcorn, there are kitchenettes in Gray, Dew, Grammer, Meta Glass, Carson and Randolph. Manson and Reid have conveniently located hot plates.

"Smokers" are rooms in each dormitory where everyone gathers to talk, play bridge, type, etc., and where smoking is permitted. These rooms are often equipped with candy and coke machines.

In addition to "smokers," there are many areas for either relaxation or study. Located on the ground floor of Grammer, Commons is a large room furnished with tables, chairs, coke and candy vending machines, a piano and television. Smoking is allowed there and many students use it for typing, playing bridge, etc. Little Commons, the same idea on a smaller scale, is located in Randolph.

Studying usually predominates in the study area of Meta Glass and in Reid "pit." The Emily Bowen Room is located on the ground floor of Dew. You may use it to study and smoke, listen to records or to entertain a date. Students may sign up to use the adjoining kitchen. The E. B. Room is also used for lectures and meetings and for informal dances, parties and for Friday afternoon Chautauquas.

# *Sweet Briar Traditions . . .*

## *. . . AUTUMN*

### **■ FOUNDERS' DAY**

Founders' Day at Sweet Briar is celebrated in October. Everyone attends a morning program in the auditorium, at which the seniors wear their black academic robes for the first time (hemmed by the members of your class). Later they are joined by the college community in a brief ceremony on Monument Hill overlooking the campus, where the members of the Fletcher and Williams families are buried.



### **■ PARENTS' DAY**

This is your family's chance to meet your professors informally, to get to know your roommate and college friends and to see the campus. A Garden Party is given by the President at Sweet Briar House and Paint and Patches presents a play. Parents' Day is usually held the last Saturday in October; make reservations early if your parents plan to come.

### **■ TAPPING**

When one night you hear what sounds like a group of marchers coming down your hall, don't be alarmed — this is a traditional way that some of the clubs choose new members. The Aints and Asses, Bum Chums, Chung Mungs, Paint and Patches and the Sweet Tones march through the halls of every dorm, tapping the door of each newly chosen candidate. Members of other clubs and organizations are elected or selected from the student body and many are open simply on the basis of interest in a club's particular activities.

## ■ FALL WEEKEND

Although every weekend Sweet Briar's campus has a decidedly co-educational look and blind dates are frequent, there is a special Fall weekend which you may invite your favorite beau to attend. The Social Committee plans a gala weekend which includes a brunch, class parties with combos, concert, a dinner-dance to which you may wear your long formal if you brought one, and another concert for Sunday afternoon entertainment.



## ■ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Those who just don't have time to Christmas-shop in Lynchburg need not worry. Early in December, Lynchburg stores come out to Sweet Briar for a day, bringing their main gift items to the Bazaar in Commons and Reid "pit." There are many booths, one of which is sponsored by your class; an auction; food; and many surprise events. The Bazaar proceeds go to the college's Development Program.

## ■ FACULTY SHOW

Once every four years, the Faculty takes time from its scholarly pursuits to create for a night their own version of the world of the theatre. It is amazing for most of us to discover that our professors have such a humorous insight into our particular habits. The next Faculty Show is scheduled for January, 1970, and will be greatly anticipated.

## ... SPRING

### ■ SENIOR SHOW

Somehow, in addition to the myriad activities accompanying the last semester at Sweet Briar, the seniors manage to produce,

direct and act in an excellent show. It may be an original script or a real Broadway show; in either case, it is always full of songs and hilarity and often brings to light many previously unsuspected talents.

### ■ JUNIOR BANQUET

Two nights before Spring Vacation, the quadrangle in front of the Refectory is the scene of a titanic struggle between the Senior class and the Junior class, one attempting to retain its most prized possession, and the other trying to obtain that possession: the Golden Stairs which is the symbol of the seniors. Preceding the chaos and excitement, the Junior class has a sumptuous banquet at the Boonsboro Country Club, where they receive their class rings and become "almost-seniors."

### ■ STEPSINGING

Several times a year — fall, Christmas and spring — all four classes gather in front of the Refectory to sing. Each class sings to its sister class and you will sing to yours, the juniors. This is an occasion when the seniors proudly occupy their coveted Golden Stairs which they captured from the seniors the preceding spring, and which they alone may use.

The juniors collect on and around their Bench and the sophomores stand facing the Sophomore Wall. The freshmen are nearest the Hitching Post which you have painted with your class's colors early in the fall.

At the spring stepsinging the names of the year's members of QV are announced. At Christmas everyone joins hands around the Christmas tree in the quadrangle to sing carols. After the last stepsinging, the upperclassmen rush for their newly-acquired positions. Before you know it, you will be heading for the Sophomore Wall.



## ■ MAY DAY

Months of organization and planning by the Sophomore class go into making May Day weekend a major event. The May Queen and her Court create a memorable picture, all pastel colors and spring flowers. Other activities of the weekend include class combo parties, a formal Saturday night dance, games played by Sweet Briar or visiting teams and afternoon jazz, pop or folk concerts.

## ■ AMHERST COUNTY DAY

An annual event at Sweet Briar since 1922, Amherst County Day is held on a Saturday in May and has much the flavor of an old-fashioned fair with contests and exhibits, home-made food, games and dancing, and other entertainments such as jousting. Sweet Briar students provide art exhibits, instruct a steady stream of visitors in the science laboratories and art studios, help entertain the children and take part in other phases of the day's program.

## ■ LANTERN NIGHT

Lantern night is the last traditional event before graduation. Each senior chooses as her lantern bearer an underclassman who makes an original lantern for her and carries it during the outdoor candlelit song program.

# Sweet Briar Today . . .

## . . . FAVORITE PLACES

### ■ THE BOOK SHOP

The Book Shop has a cozy, inviting air with its book-lined walls and its fireplace tiles illustrating Sweet Briar traditions. It provides the staples of academic life such as textbooks and desk supplies. In addition, it offers stationery and greeting cards, handmade jewelry, pewter tableware, ceramics, and of course, books on art, travel, history, politics, poetry, *ad infinitum*.



### ■ BOXWOOD INN

The dining room of the Inn serves morning coffee and three meals a day. You may arrange surprise birthday parties to be held there — the cook will bake a cake — and entertain off-campus guests at a meal. The mid-morning coffee hour provides a chance for professors and students to meet informally, over coffee and doughnuts. The Sunday night waffle supper is especially good.

### ■ FRENCH CORRIDOR

The French Corridor has been very successful as a means of developing confidence and fluency in speaking French. Some girls who elect to live on the Corridor are looking forward to enrollment in the Junior Year in France program; all are eager to improve their conversational prowess. A French exchange student lives on the hall and helps with expression and pronunciation as well as contributing to an understanding of the intellectual and cultural background of the French people.



### ■ BOAT HOUSE

The Boat House is not just a shelter for the rowboats and canoes on Sweet Briar Lake. Its lounge with an open fireplace is used all year for indoor picnics with dates and for student parties. In the early fall and

spring, the deck of the Boat House is a good place for sunbathing, after swimming or canoeing. Not far away, there is an outdoor fireplace for cooking steaks and hot dogs.

#### ■ SLAVE CABIN

The only slave cabin remaining from the days when Sweet Briar was a plantation, this one-room building has been converted into a tiny chapel, still retaining its antique charm. You may come at any time to sit and enjoy this quiet place, secluded by its surrounding trees and boxwoods.



#### ■ OUTING CABIN

A wonderful place for you who are fond of the woods and a primitive atmosphere, the Athletic Association's Cabin is used for picnics and overnight hikes, the latter in the company of a cabin leader. Experts and neophytes alike may cook their meals over its open fireplace.

#### ■ POST OFFICE

On the ground floor of Manson is the campus Post Office, and you will undoubtedly visit it after every mail delivery. You will be assigned an individual P. O. box at the beginning of the year for a small rental fee. Since this is a U. S. Post Office, the purchase of stamps and any other postal service is offered.

#### ■ INFORMATION CENTER

The Information Center is located on the ground floor of Manson. There you may order taxis or have guests and dates meet you in its comfortable reception lounge. The Pinkerton Security Office is here also.

## ■ DATE HOUSE

If you need an ice-cream cone or a cup of coffee or a hamburger, the Date House is the place to go. It has television and a ping-pong table and serves as the campus drugstore, supplying such items as soap, shampoo and toothpaste. If the lunch menu has no appeal for you, or if you don't feel like dressing for dinner, you may head for the Date House just down the hill.



## ... ACTIVITIES

### ■ Y.W.C.A.

Membership in the Y.W.C.A. is voluntary. In general the "Y" emphasizes the importance of Christian living and strives to overcome indifference or confusion among students in regard to the place of Christian faith in modern living. More specifically, the "Y" sponsors many activities such as the Annual Religious Conference, dinner-meetings and discussions. If you are interested in volunteer work, the "Y" is the center for work in several projects in the area. It also sponsors a Four College Discussion Group which enables college students from nearby colleges to discuss various questions and problems.

### ■ CAMPUS CHEST

The Campus Chest conducts the annual funds drive which is the one big combined drive for funds to support welfare projects at home and abroad. Roughly half of the proceeds go toward scholarships to enable students from other countries to study at Sweet Briar. The goal is set at 100% contribution for the college community.

### ■ PAINT AND PATCHES

The dramatic club offers opportunities for those who enjoy acting on stage and for others who prefer to exercise their talents back-

stage. Membership in the organization is attained only after an accumulation of many hours of hard work in either area, accompanied by an enthusiastic interest in the Sweet Briar theatre. Your first chance to test your skill with P & P comes when the winter play provides roles and crew jobs for newcomers.

#### ■ AINTS AND ASSES

The Asses' foremost purpose is to make the dignified Paint and Patches dramatists appear in a different light, so they stage rollicking take-offs of P & P productions. A sense of humor, a thorough enjoyment of nonsense and the ability to concoct spur-of-the-moment presentations are prerequisites for members. Early in the spring they show themselves as Guardians of the Grass as every member brandishes a whistle to warn other students not to tread on the tender turf.

#### ■ CHUNG MUNGS

The Chung Mungs are a sheet-clad society of nine seniors and four juniors who delight in robbing the honorable Tau Phi's of some of their not-too-intact dignity. During the year, they employ their energy in many more serious pursuits that range from weekly sales of goodies in the dorms to an annual booth at the Christmas Bazaar. It is characteristic of this group to constantly seek new areas of activity which will benefit the college.

#### ■ BUM CHUMS

"The notorious ten" are chosen at the end of their sophomore year. They sponsor the visits of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, supervise the coke machines in the "smokers," keep the Date House clean and are hostesses at several "Holiday Inns" during the year. They are always contriving new and better ways to produce money which they contribute to various good causes.



## ■ QV

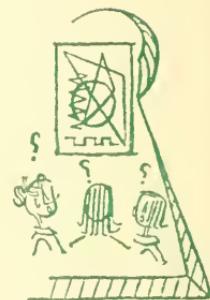
The members of QV, the sophomore honorary society, are elected by their classmates in the fall for the spirit and enthusiasm they displayed as freshmen in unifying their class. Their names are kept secret until spring stepsinging of their sophomore year. Their purpose is to promote class spirit throughout the year.

## ■ THE WORLD AFFAIRS CLUB

Open to any students who are interested in world events and problems, this club sponsors lectures, often with outside speakers who stimulate discussion on topics of current interest.

## ■ HISPANIC SOCIETY

New members are welcomed into the Hispanic Society if they are interested in the Hispanic world, its culture and its political situation. Guest speakers are sponsored by the club to enrich its program of events. It is not necessary to read or speak Spanish to be a member.



## ■ DANCE GROUP

Membership in the Dance Group is open to dancers who qualify on the basis of performance, technical ability and interest. In the fall the members give a dance demonstration and in the spring they present a program with original dance compositions. The group also sponsors master classes with visiting dance artists such as Helen McGehee, José Limón and Merce Cunningham.



## ■ THE SWEET BRIAR CHOIR

Membership in the Choir is considered an honor and try-outs are held early in the fall. The Choir sings every Sunday in church and presents an outstanding Christmas Carol Service. Each year two or more concerts are held with clubs from men's colleges such as Princeton, Colgate, Hampden-Sydney or Brown.

## ■ CHURCH AND CHAPEL COMMITTEE

Religious services and related activities are the concern of this committee which is headed by the College Chaplain. Church services, held every Sunday at eleven o'clock, are non-denominational and are open to all. Outstanding ministers of various denominations often serve as visiting preachers. There are chapel services twice a week and Sunday vesper services. For Roman Catholic students, Mass is celebrated each Sunday morning on campus. Students may also attend churches in nearby Amherst or Lynchburg.

## ■ THE SWEET TONES

The Sweet Tones is a small group of thirteen girls who sing interesting arrangements of popular music. Chosen from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes at try-outs each spring and the following year, the group entertains for various social events on campus such as May Day, the Bum Chum Inns, Alumnae meetings, Board meetings or for spontaneous strolls through the dorms as well as for various organizations in the Amherst-Lynchburg area.

## ■ VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

The primary responsibilities of this committee are to furnish information on job requirements and opportunities, to arrange for speakers and interviews and generally help you with matters pertaining to summer jobs and to your future after graduation from college. The Director of Vocational Guidance is chairman

of the committee, which is composed of students and members of the faculty.

#### ■ NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

NSA is a confederation of college students in every part of the country which are united to consider questions of mutual concern such as student government, educational and international affairs. Each student body is represented by its student government and its NSA Committee who send delegates to the NSA Congress every summer as well as to regional conferences during the fall and spring. This organization promotes many services on Sweet Briar's campus and provides travel information and travel discounts for students.

#### ■ ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Every student is invited to become a member of the Athletic Association, which plays an important part in campus life. The A.A. and the Physical Education Department work together to offer the best possibilities in every sport.

In the fall, hockey and lacrosse are the team sports. Those who enjoy hiking may join the Outing Club or the Appalachian Trail Club. In the winter, basketball and modern dance come into prominence, and preparations are made for the spring dance recital. Games and tournaments, often in rivalries between dorms, are arranged for those who enjoy badminton, squash, volleyball and basketball. Horseback riding is one of the most popular sports at Sweet Briar. It functions in all kinds of weather since we have an indoor ring as well as an outdoor ring and many trails. Riding events include several horse shows, point-to-point meets and annual riding clinics.

In the spring, outdoor sports such as tennis, lacrosse, golf, boating, canoeing and swimming are resumed. The community tennis tournament and Lake Day offer opportunities for competition.



Sweet Briar's varsity athletic teams play nearby women's colleges in sports such as hockey, lacrosse, basketball and tennis. If you plan to participate in the athletic program here, you will find many enthusiastic companions.

## ... PUBLICATIONS

### ■ THE SWEET BRIAR NEWS

Sweet Briar's weekly newspaper offers you a chance from the very beginning to show your talents. If you can write news articles, don't waste any time — offer your services. If this work is not in your line, come and help proof-read, draw cartoons, write headlines or circulate papers. In the early spring, the freshmen publish their own issue.

### ■ THE BRAMBLER

Poems, short stories, articles, drawings and other creative efforts of the students are published in this literary magazine. Membership on the staff may be achieved by interest, cooperation and quality of work, with the approval of the staff; by work with the advertising staff; and by helping with typing and make-up. Members of the incoming class are invited to sign up in the fall for participation on the staff, and to submit for publication any creative work.

### ■ THE BRIAR PATCH

*The Briar Patch*, the Sweet Briar yearbook, is the result of the combined efforts of members of every class. If you are interested in publications work, you will enjoy doing one or more of the many different jobs that go into making the annual an effective reminder of campus life.



### ■ THE HANDBOOK AND THE KEY

*The Students' Handbook* contains constitutions of several organizations, general rules and regulations of the

college, the Student Government rules, the Honor Code and other necessary information. It serves as a textbook in preparation for the Student Government test that is given in the fall and for constant reference throughout the year.

*The Key* is an illustrated booklet which introduces new students to the informal side of life at Sweet Briar as well as offering practical hints and describing traditions and customs.

## ... THINGS TO DO

### ■ ON CAMPUS

Throughout the year there are lectures, concerts, plays and art exhibitions of such variety as to appeal to a great range of interests. In the recent past, the Canadian Players, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra, the New York Pro Musica, the Journey-men and the Shirelles have entertained us. The college community has heard and enjoyed such distinguished men and women as Dame Judith Anderson, Margaret Webster, Ernest J. Simmons, Senator John G. Tower, John Ciardi, Madame Indira Nehru Gandhi, Norman Cousins, Mark Van Doren, Flannery O'Connor, and A. Doak Barnett, to name only a few.

The Social Committee sponsors an annual series of Saturday night movies, and, in conjunction with the Art Department, special art films such as "La Strada" and a series of movies starring Humphrey Bogart.

Three plays are presented by Paint and Patches at various times during the year, one being on Parents' Day. Recent productions have included *Antigone*, *A Thurber Carnival*, *The Doctor in Spite of Himself* and *Waiting for Godot*. Biennially, the students in the Theatre Presentation class direct and produce a series of plays which has been the occasion for a visit of David Schaber, a New York producer and director.

Every three or four years, the entire community participates in a two-day Symposium, focused on a topic of special interest. The

programs feature outstanding speakers and discussion sessions, and may also include plays, concerts, films, art exhibits, and social gatherings. At intervals there are other special events, such as the dedication of a new building or an anniversary observance.

A continual display of art works is in Babcock, whether from Sweet Briar's permanent collection of original works or prints illustrating specific styles, techniques and periods. The Roten Exhibition occurs yearly as well as exhibitions from the Virginia Printmakers Exhibition and from the Virginia Museum, which also sends an artmobile to Sweet Briar. Paintings and drawings by Loren Oliver, paintings by Michael Junkin and paintings and prints by Dorothy Scott have been among recent exhibitions.

#### ■ IN TOWN



Sweet Briar, you will soon discover, is in the country and a trip to Lynchburg is an expedition of 35 minutes by bus. There you will find many stores for your shopping needs. For clothes there are Miller and Rhoads, Snyder and Berman, Baldwin's, Leggett's (department stores). In addition there are others including Vogue, Wills-Camp, Ivey-Knight (Montaldo's), Carousel, Band Box, The Heather Shop and Stork's. For records, shop at Phillip's, Miller and Rhoads or L. Oppleman. Try Schewel's, Reams or one of the department stores for your interior decorating needs; Brown-Morrison's for desk supplies; J. P. Bell for books and stationery; as well as Buckingham-Flippin's or Bowen's for jewelry and S. O. Fisher's for sports and camera supplies.

There are several places in town to have lunch, and if your family or date is with you, you will find that The Columns, The Colonial Lounge or the dining rooms of the Presidential Motor Inn and the Virginian Hotel will provide delicious meals. Closer to Sweet Briar, the Town and Country Restaurant or the Holiday Inn North also provide dining facilities. For you and your

date, Brandt's, the Parkway Inn ("Buck's") and occasionally, the Holiday Inn, have Saturday night combos.

For movies, there are four theatres in town: the Paramount, the Plaza, the Warner and the Boonsboro as well as several drive-ins just outside town.

Several beauty salons in Lynchburg include the Vogue, Ralph's McQuarry's and Pauline's House of Beauty. There are numerous drug stores, one of which is Patterson's.

On the cultural side, there is the Lynchburg Little Theatre at the Fine Arts Center which presents several plays during the year. The Broadway Theatre League which brings New York touring companies, and the Community Concert Association, sponsoring a series of concerts and ballets each year, offer other opportunities.

You may want to join the Oakwood Club or the Boonsboro Country Club which have student rates. These clubs are nice if you like to play golf or want to entertain for dinner.

The village of Amherst is three miles from Sweet Briar in the opposite direction from Lynchburg and Jordan's Taxi, the college taxi, will take you there in a jiffy. It is a very small town, but it has a ten-cent store; the Village Pharmacy; hardware stores such as Hill Hardware; Burch and Ogden radio repair shop; Amherst Gift Shop; Rallee's Beauty Salon; Howell Super Market and Drummond's for groceries; and Bethel's, a watch repair shop which is also the Trailways bus stop.

Between Sweet Briar and Amherst is the Briar Patch Inn ("Tommy's"), an establishment which serves terrific pizzas, cheeseburgers and ice-cream. Saunderson's Restaurant is nearby, and the Chinquapin offers excellent catering. Also, under the weeping willow tree between campus and the Briar Patch Inn, William Rowan III from Charlottesville has a wonderful ladies' sportswear shop.



## ■ ON WEEKENDS

You will find that the populace of Sweet Briar is noticeably reduced on weekends. The roads between here and U. Va. in Charlottesville and W&L and VMI in Lexington are well-traveled. Anything from house parties, football games and special weekends to spontaneous picnics and parties keep you and your date entertained. If your interests are farther away, Washington, New York, Princeton, Chapel Hill, Annapolis and other distant places are accessible by train, bus or plane. The college is on the main line of the Southern Railway and Piedmont Airlines serves Lynchburg. Remember to have your parents send in the special permission blank they will receive so that you will be able to participate in these activities.

## ... HONORS

### ■ FRESHMAN AND JUNIOR HONORS,

### DEAN'S LIST, McVEA SCHOLARS

The Freshman Honors Convocation is held in February, when members of that class who have made the best academic records for the first semester are recognized. The Dean's List is composed of those who maintain a high average and meet certain other qualifications, and it is posted each semester. Outstanding scholastic achievement during the first two years of college is recognized at the Opening Convocation, when Junior Honors are announced. The student who attains top rank in her class is designated as the Emilie Watts McVea Scholar for that class.

### ■ PHI BETA KAPPA

Election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa is the peak of scholastic honors and only a few students attain this distinction each year. Names of new members are usually announced early in the second semester, although sometimes additional seniors are named at Commencement.

## ■ TAU PHI

Composed of juniors and seniors who have shown an outstanding combination of scholarship, character and constructive influence, Tau Phi aims to stimulate the best interests of Sweet Briar. Several times a year Tau Phi has open-discussion meetings on subjects of interest and gives poetry and play readings.



## ... THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In the last ten years, Sweet Briar's Development Program has been raising funds for new buildings and endowments. Results include the Mary Reynolds Babcock Fine Arts Center completed in 1961 and the Connie Guion Science Building opened in 1965. The Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel was opened early in 1966 and the Charles A. Dana wing of the Mary Helen Cochran Library will be ready for use in 1967.

The results of past programs have added eight new endowed Professorships to the Carter Glass Chair in Government: the Rockefeller-Guion Professorship of Chemistry, the Betsey Cushing and John Hay Whitney Professorship of Physics, the Wallace E. Rollins Professorship of Religion, the Lucy Crawford Professorship of Philosophy, the Helen K. Mull Professorship of Psychology, the Edward T. Wailes Professorship of International Affairs, the Chaplaincy Salary Fund and the Sue Slaughter Fund for Distinguished Professors.

Looking into the future, a committee of the Board of Overseers, the faculty, the administration and the alumnae has studied the future objectives of Sweet Briar for the next ten years. Sweet Briar continues to strengthen professorships, lectureships, scholarships and endowments by gifts from students and faculty, alumnae, parents and friends, through the Sweet Briar Fund, in a joint effort to complete all the objectives of the Development Program. The Student Development Committee is composed of representa-

tives of each class who devise means of raising funds such as the February Frolics in which the entire community participates, the proceeds of which are allocated by an annual vote of the entire student body.

### ... YOUR PARENTS

This publication can only provide an incomplete picture of what your life will be like at Sweet Briar. Your parents are no doubt as curious as you are about the college. After you are settled here they will probably want to visit you. Whether you choose a time when some special activity is scheduled such as Parents' Day, the Senior Show or May Day, or a time when nothing is pending, there are a few points that may be helpful to consider.



First, be sure to make reservations ahead of time. If the Boxwood Inn on campus is filled, you might try the Virginian Hotel, the Presidential Motor Inn or Holiday Inn South in Lynchburg or, nearer by, the Amherst Motor Court, Thomas Motor Lodge, White Oaks Motel, Holiday Inn North or a tourist home in Amherst.

Second, if your family comes by car, they will probably enjoy driving along the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive or visiting Natural Bridge. Don't forget other places of historic interest nearby such as Monticello, Appomattox, Richmond, Jamestown, Williamsburg and the James River Plantations. If they prefer other means of transportation, Sweet Briar is served by the Southern Railway and by the Trailways coaches. Piedmont Airlines, Norfolk and Western Railway and Greyhound buses serve Lynchburg.

Take your parents with you to class and sports but be sure to ask your professors in advance if it is convenient or whether a quiz is planned. And introduce them to your advisor and to your Resident Counselor if you have the chance to do so.

You will probably want to get a group of your friends together for dinner in town at one of the many fine restaurants, or at

the James River Club, a private dining room and cocktail lounge, which your parents may join. But take your visitors to dinner in the Refectory or in the Meta Glass Dining Room at least once. It is a good place for them to get to know your friends.

## In Conclusion . . .

Almost as soon as you arrive at Sweet Briar, you will learn about our Honor Code. It places responsibility on each student as an individual and as a member of the community. In return it provides many privileges and an atmosphere of trust which is an integral part of our way of life.

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*Chairman of the Judicial Board*

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